FOURTH DAY.—*Monday, 18th June 1934.*

The House reassembled at 12 NOON, the First Member of Council presiding, in the absence of the Dewan-President.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—(*Continued*).

Mr. Patel Varada Reddy (Gudibanda Taluk).—

Q.—18. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Whether they are aware that the Taluk Officers are controlling the working of the village panchayets ?

(*b*) Whether the consent of the Amildar is required to draw the village panchayet funds from the savings bank ?

(*c*) Whether the Amildars are empowered to fix the jamabandi of the village panchayet taxes as is done in the case of land revenue ?

(*d*) Whether it has been so enacted that the account books of the panchayets should be carried to the taluk offices concerned for annual inspection ?

(*e*) Whether the appointment of a Sub-Overseer for each taluk at the cost of the village panchayet has been ordered ?

(*f*) If so, have any rules been framed in this behalf ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

A.—18. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The question is not clear. The Amildars have, however, the power to call for and inspect any document which may be in the possession of or under the control of a village panchayet.

(*e*) The attention of the member is invited to Government Order No. L. 3574-85—V. P. 38-33-2, dated the 20th—21st November 1933 (*vide* Appendix), according to which, Special Village Panchayet Inspectors may be appointed wherever necessary, the number of officers to be so appointed